Poverty line

†3128. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of the poverty line;

(b) the population which is below poverty line, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to bring them above the poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The poverty line is defined in terms of per capita consumption expenditure. This has been fixed at Rs. 49.09 per month in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 per month in urban areas at 1973-74 prices at national level corresponding to a basket of goods and services anchored on a norm of per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 kcal in rural areas and 2100 kcal in urban areas. The States have different poverty lines, which are derived from the national level poverty lines, using State-specific price indices and inter-State price differentials. The national poverty line at 1999-2000 prices is Rs. 327.56 per capita per month in rural areas and Rs. 454.11 per capita per month in urban areas.

(b) The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and State level from the large sample surveys on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The latest such survey was conducted by NSSO in its 55th Round (1999-2000). Based on the data of this Round, the number of people living below poverty line in the country are 2602.50 lakhs in 1999-2000. The State-wise estimate of number of persons living below poverty line in the country during 1999-2000 is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) There is a three-pronged action to alleviate and reduce poverty in the country. These are (i) acceleration of economic growth, (ii) human, and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting of the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status of the weaker sections of the society, etc., and (iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and assets-building for the poor.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Number of Persons Below Poverty Line by States-1999-2000

Sl.No.	States/U.Ts	No. of persons (Lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	119.01
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.98
3.	Assam	94.55
4.	Bihar	425.64
5.	Goa	0.70
6.	Gujarat	67.89
7.	Haryana	17.34
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5.12
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.46
10.	Karnataka	104.40
11.	Kerala	41.04
12.	Madhya Pradesh	298.54
13.	Maharashtra	227.99
14.	Manipur	7.19
15.	Meghalaya	8.23
16.	Mizoram	1.85
17.	Nagaland	5.49
18.	Orissa	169.09
19.	Punjab	14.49
20.	Rajasthan	81.83
21.	Sikkim	2.05
22.	Tamil Nadu	130.48
23.	Tripura	13.02
24.	Uttar Pradesh	529.89

1	2	3
25.	West Bengal	213.49
26.	A & N Island	0.82
27.	Chandigarh	0.51
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.33
29.	Daman & Diu	0.06
30.	Delhi	11.49
31.	Lakshadweep	0.11
32.	Pondicherry	2.41
	ALL INDIA :	2602.50

Border Area Development Projects in Manipur

3129. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Border Area Development Projects (BADP) taken up during the Ninth Five Year Plan period in Manipur;

(b) whether provision of schemes under BADP for Manipur are commensurate to the extent of its border areas with Myanmar; and

(c) the agency for implementation of BADP and agency to see implementation of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The State Government of Manipur took up 75 works under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Planning Department of the State Government is the nodal department for BADP in the State and the schemes are implemented by agencies selected by the State Government, such as—District Administration, Departments of the State Government, Para-Military Organisations, etc.

Losses to coal bearing States

3130. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has conducted any study on the losses to coal bearing States in respect of royalty and other matters;